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SUBJ: UN MEMBERSHIP - LIECHTENSTEIN

1. DURING CALL ON LIECHTENSTEIN CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT DR. KIEBER
ON JUNE 28, I ALLUDED TO DISCUSSIONS OF POSSIBLE LIECHTENSTEIN

APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP DURING RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF
CROWN PRINCE HANS ADAM AND ASKED ABOUT GOVERNMENT THINKING ON THIS
QUESTION.

2. KIEBER WAS OBVIOUSLY PREPARED FOR THIS SUBJECT AND
CAREFULLY EXPLAINED THAT CROWN PRINCE HAD RAISED MATTER WITH THE KNOW
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LEDGE AND APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT BUT WAS NOT SPEAKING FOR
GOVERNMENT IN EXPRESSING VIEWS ON THE QUESTION.

3. KIEBER SAID THAT THERE WAS SOME FEELING, WITH WHICH TO A
CERTAIN EXTENT HE SYMPATHIZES, THAT LIECHTENSTEIN SHOULD PLAY
A LARGER ROLE INTERNATIONALLY. HOWEVER, AT THE MOMENT,
LIECHTENSTEIN DOES NOT EVEN HAVE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES IN
BRUSSELS OR STRASSBOURG. IN AN ORDERLY EXPRESSION OF ITS
INTERNATIONAL ROLE, PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS SHOULD
LOGICALLY PRECEED PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

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4. KIEBER ALSO MENTIONED PERSONNEL AND FINANCIAL LIMITATION WHICH WOULD INHIBIT MOVING HEAD RAPIDLY IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT CONSTITUTIONALLY, A PUBLIC REFERENDUM WOULD BE REQUIRED TO APPROVE BOTH THE APPLICATION AND THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. ANY SUCH REFERENDUM WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY PREPARED, AS A DEFEAT OF A GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL WOULD BE HIGHLY EMBARRASSING.
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